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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b></p> <p>Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/910,481-Conf. #3202
	<i>Filing Date</i>	July 19, 2001
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Lyndon W. Graham
	<i>Art Unit</i>	2
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	W. T. Leader
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	291958108US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665

i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)      09/16/2004 MAHMED1 00000088 09910481

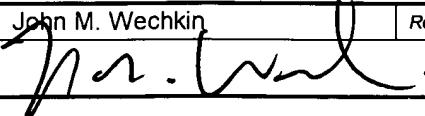
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)      01 FC:1801      770.00 OP

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

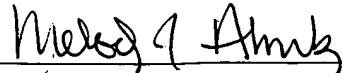
c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: LYNDON W. GRAHAM *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/910,481

FILED: JULY 19, 2001

FOR: **ELECTROPLATING SYSTEM HAVING  
AUXILIARY ELECTRODE EXTERIOR TO  
MAIN REACTOR CHAMBER FOR  
CONTACT CLEANING OPERATIONS**

EXAMINER: WILLIAM T. LEADER

ART UNIT: 1742

CONF. No: 3202

**Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.114**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The present communication accompanies an RCE filed under Rule 1.114 and responds to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in an attached replacement sheet and are discussed on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4.